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(C) The foreign ministry's director of political affairs Weiner Jean Baptiste assured poloff that Haiti "knows how to vote on Belarus," following the delivery of the demarche outlined in reftels. Jean Baptiste and Poloff discussed Haiti's "yes" vote on the UN resolution condemning human rights violations in Belarus in December, 2006. Post is confident that Haiti will vote for Slovenia and a third-party candidate, possibly Bosnia, in the up-coming election. (Note: Post tried to coordinate with the French Embassy, but the officers in country were not aware of a parallel demarche request from Paris. End note.)